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## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME **UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136**

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It is	s hereby requested that a three month extension of time be granted to December 2, 2003 for	
	filing a response to the Official Action dated: June 2, 2003.	
	responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:	
	filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.	
	responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:	
	filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed.	
	filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:	
	Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.	
The required fee of \$950.00 is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. <u>15-0030</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.		

Respectfully Submitted,

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